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**VIA FACSIMILE**

Office of the Secretariat  
Commodity Futures Trading Commission  
Three Lafayette Centre  
1155 21st Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20581

**Re: Certification: New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc.  
Submission #04.09 (Listing of Additional Strike Prices for the  
Gold, Silver, Copper, Platinum, Natural Gas, Unleaded Gasoline and  
Related Calendar Spread Option Contracts)**

Dear CFTC Commissioners:

Pursuant to COMEX Rule 15.03(c), COMEX Rule 16.03, COMEX Rule 17.04 and NYMEX Rule 300.20, the President of the New York Mercantile Exchange, Inc. ("Exchange") has directed that additional strike prices be added for certain contract months in the Gold, Silver, Copper, Platinum, Natural Gas, Unleaded Gasoline and related Calendar Spread option contracts as detailed below:

(A) On January 27, 2004, the Exchange added a call and a put:

(1) at the strike price of 200 for the March 2004 contract month of the Natural Gas One month Calendar Spread option contract;

(2) at the strike price of 875 for the May 2004 contract month of the Silver option contract;

(3) at the strike price of 20000 for the June 2004 contract month of the Unleaded Gasoline option contract;

(4) at the strike price of 725 for the September 2004 contract month of the Silver option contract;

(B) On January 28, 2004, the Exchange added a call and a put:

(5) at the strike price of 140 for the May 2004 contract month of the Copper option contract;

(6) at the strike prices of 740 and 780 for the May 2004 contract month of the Silver option contract;

(7) at the strike price of 680 for the October 2004 contract month of the Platinum option contract;

(C) On January 29, 2004, the Exchange added a call and a put:

(8) at the strike price of 480 for the October 2004 contract month of the Gold option contract;

(9) at the strike price of 5550 for the December 2004 contract month of the Natural Gas option contract; and

(D) On January 30, 2004, the Exchange added a call and a put:

(10) at the strike price of 900 for the December 2005 contract month of the Gold option contract.

Pursuant to the terms of COMEX Rule 15.03(c), COMEX Rule 16.03, COMEX Rule 17.04 and NYMEX Rule 300.20, the strike prices noted above are in increments that are consistent with the pricing for the underlying futures contract. COMEX Rule 15.03(c), COMEX Rule 16.03, COMEX Rule 17.04 and NYMEX Rule 300.20 permit such directed strike prices to be effective upon adoption, provided that notice to the CFTC is given within three business days of the strike price listing.

Should you have any questions concerning the above, please contact the undersigned at (212) 299-2207.

Very truly yours,

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